

in fact, should allow people to vote simply because they are residents, nothing else. Residents of the country. Not citizens. The concept is under attack.

Whether these cities and counties that are accepting the matricula understand this or not, I do not know. Whether all of these city officials and county officials who are aiding and abetting illegal immigrants in this country, aiding and abetting people in the violation of our laws, whether they recognize it, and people do not think it is more than a little transgression, that it is like jay walking, no, this has major implications. It is meaningful stuff. It is a transition our country is going through here that I do not know if everybody understands that we are simply moving and we are directly moving to a system that will not have, as I say, a way of distinguishing a citizen from a noncitizen. It is just a place where they are residents.

Borders will be erased de facto. Borders will be erased. Maybe that is okay. Maybe that is exactly where everybody in this place wants us to go. I would like to put it to a vote. I would like to see somebody actually have to vote on whether or not we have to erase the borders because that is where we are heading. We are doing it a little bit at a time. It is the old frog in the hot water syndrome where the heat is turned up one notch at a time and you look back and say, what happened here? What happened?

Is there a time when citizenship meant something? We are going to debate, and I think the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODE) is on the committee that is debating the bill to give citizenship status to the families of people who have fought in the service, were in the armed services for a year; and we will now give status to them if they were here legally. I think it is coming to the floor soon, tomorrow or the next day. And the bill is lengthy, about exactly what you have to do in order to get this thing called citizenship and what you have to go through.

We pretend like we prize it. If you get a dishonorable discharge, you cannot have it. We pretend like it is this wonderful thing. Well, it is a wonderful thing. I think it is a wonderful thing. I think citizenship in this country is a marvelous thing. But it is a strange phenomenon that on one hand here we are coming with a bill that pretends that citizenship is meaningful and that everything else we are doing here aids in the destruction of the concept of citizenship and the fact that the Federal Government, through its Department of the Treasury, promulgates regulations that allows banks to accept the foreign government ID card from a person who wants to open an account. This is an example.

It is one step in this process and it is a pretty good step. Actually, it is not a little thing, the unbanked, the millions and millions of people who are here illegally, that the banks want to get a

hold of their money. That is a big step in this direction that I am pointing to, a step to a place where there is no such thing as citizenship and whether or not we can have the debate whether or not someone is here legally or not, it does not matter if you are here legally or not.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. GOODE) for joining me this evening and for letting me bring this to the attention of the body.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CARSON of Oklahoma (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today after 2:30 p.m. and the balance of the week on account of a family emergency.

Mr. REYES (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today before 2:00 p.m. on account of official business.

Mr. ORTIZ (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today before 3:00 p.m. on account of official business.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today on account of personal reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. RANGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SOLIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. STRICKLAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CROWLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DEGETTE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ALLEN, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. HENSARLING) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BEAUPREZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, June 10.

Mr. CULBERSON, for 5 minutes, June 4.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LEWIS of California, for 5 minutes, June 5.

Mr. HENSARLING, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. INSLEE, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOODE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 4, 2003, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2489. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Morocco pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2490. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to Taiwan pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2491. A letter from the Associate Commissioner for Education Statistics, Department of Education, transmitting the annual statistical report of the National Center for Education Statistics entitled, "The Condition of Education 2003," pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 9005; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2492. A letter from the General Counsel, Department of Commerce, transmitting a draft bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide the Federal Communications Commission with permanent authority to auction spectrum licenses and with new authority to charge fees for unauctioned spectrum licenses and construction permits; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2493. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Mass Media Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.202(b), FM Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Douglas and Tombstone, Arizona, and Santa Clara, New Mexico) [MB Docket No. 02-374, RM-10598] received May 29, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2494. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor, International Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of the Commission's Space Station Licensing Rules and Policies [IB Docket No. 02-34]; Mitigation of Orbital Debris [IB Docket No. 02-54] received May 29, 2003, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2495. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Tecommunication